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(From the Japan Gazette.)

For the past fortnight we have had beside us the new Chronicle and Directory, published at the office of the *Daily Press* in Hongkong, for which, by the way, we ought to have thanked the publishers. It is even a more remarkable volume than last year's; and whether viewed in respect of its utility or the manner of its bringing out, it is admirable. As a directory of the British Colony of Hongkong and all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, it is as perfect as can be expected. The large amount of ground covered, and the unwillingness of individuals to fill in the papers forwarded to them for the purpose, leaves it an entire certainty that absolute correctness is beyond attainment. Thus, the Hiogo, Osaka, and Hakodadi lists are by no means complete; but the Yokohama lists are more recent changes that our own Hong List, published in the beginning of October. Nor is it in the never undertaken the job, can conceive the difficulty of getting the correct lists up to the date of publication—the changes always going on are so numerous every week. The book before us has evidently received the most careful and intelligent supervision, or it could never have been so nearly correct as it is. But the Appendix is perhaps the most useful portion of it. The "Order in Council" of March, 1865, and Rules of the Supreme Court in China and Japan leading off, are followed by various Treaties, Customs' Tariff, and Trade Regulations, between China, Siam, Japan, and Western Powers. Then comes a mass of information, included under the "Regulations of Consular Courts of America, in China;" "The Chinese Passenger Act;" "Scale of charges" recognised by various Chambers of Commerce; and special regulations of the open ports. A glance at the constitution, government, revenue, &c., of China and Japan gives a general idea of what a tyro in these countries should know at the outset of his career, if he would follow up and understand events as they pass before him. Harbour regulations, postal tables of distances, and postal rates and arrangements, with the time tables of the great Ocean and Overland steam routes, bring up the rear; and altogether make up one of the most useful books of reference that any merchant can possess or desire. The surprising part of the business is, that it is published at five dollars only; a price no greater than would be charged for a book of a similar size at home. It is very cheap—with the advantage of being "very good!"

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We have been favored with a copy of the "Chronicle and Directory of China, Japan, and the Philippines," published at the Hongkong *Daily Press* Office, which we wish to commend to the attention of our readers. It is really a journal, so far as regards its printing and general get-up, and the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the information it conveys. If one sits down and considers that China, Japan, and the Philippines, are larger than the whole of Europe, twice over, he will be rather staggered to meet with a book which professes to give all information in regard to the trade of these countries, those who carry that trade on mainly—their political and social history, the statistics of that trade, and in fact data enough to furnish materials for a second edition of McCulloch's Commercial Dictionary. The "Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan, and the Philippines" for 1869 has first of all the usual *Calendars*, Jewish, Japanese, Mohammedan and Siamese. Then there is given a very useful directory of Hongkong and of all the Foreign Residents in China, Japan, the Philippines, and Siam. So far as we can judge, this has been got up with wonderful accuracy and completeness. There follows a form Hongkong Directory, of all that Colony's institutions, clubs, churches, public companies, Government offices, Her Majesty's Forces, Military and Naval, &c. &c. &c. Then there are given Directories of all the ports in China: Canton, Whampoa, Macao, Swatow, Amoy, Formosa, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai, Chinkiang, Kiukiang Hankow, Chefoo, Taku, Tientsin, Newchang, Pekin, Yedo, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Hiogo, Osaka, Hakodadi, Manila, and Bangkok. Never, we take leave to say, before was there published in this quarter of the globe a book containing as much real information, so many statistical facts, authors are comprehended in this handy-book under review. In addition to the above there are various appendices, giving the Rules of H. B. M's. Supreme Court in China and Japan, the Custom's Rules and Tariff for Imports and Exports at the different ports, all the Treaties between Great Britain, China, Japan and Siam, and also the Treaties with other countries, with their Tariff Rules and Regulations for Trade at those Ports. There are also given very correct but succinct accounts of the Histories, Constitutions, and Governments of China, Japan, and Manila, which are well worth perusal by even the passing traveller. In short, this "Chronicle and Directory" contains in its compact and well printed pages such valuable statistical and other information, as makes it a complete guide, mentor, an indispensable requisite, for all public, mercantile, and general offices, and as such we commend it to the attention of all the merchants in Singapore.

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The extention of American and European trade into the regions of China and Japan has called for the publication of some work which should be at once a compendium of political and commercial information concerning those countries, as well as a directory of the principal business houses of the chief cities. Such a want has been supplied by the Hongkong *Daily Press*. We have received a copy of "The Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan, and the Philippine Islands, etc.," published in London and Hongkong, for 1869. The work contains over five hundred closely-printed pages, and is full of desirable information and data relating to the countries referred to. Chinese and Japanese calendars, money table, commercial customs, treaties with foreign nations, methods of dividing time, rules of trade, etc., etc., are all to be found here. Also, some valuable historical articles, statements of statistics of trade, commerce, revenue, populations, tables of distances, and, in fact, everything, that can possibly be collated for publication in a work of such a plan and scope as this. The editor has shown great industry in compiling the book, and has succeeded admirably in his labours. A large number of San Francisco advertisements appear in the advertising pages of the work.

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IT seems very astonishing that, notwithstanding repeated remonstrances on the part of the Press, the sittings of the Supreme Court continued up till yesterday to be held in the old building, which was very generally considered to be unsafe. A great deal has from time to time been said with respect to this subject in these columns; and it now appears that the anticipations of danger which were given utterance to were more called for than was imagined. On Tuesday, the official mind began to see what had been discerned by everybody else months ago, and, it is understood, was also reported by the Surveyor-General. The Supreme Court was unsafe. The announcement was sufficient to induce tardy caution, and the Judge, who only a few days ago sat there in all the calm dignity of robes and wig, adjourned the Court, and then immediately left. The fact that action so prompt has followed upon the announcement of the unsafe condition of the building, seems to indicate that the danger was not of a trifling nature; and it is undoubtedly a subject of congratulation that steps have been taken in time to avoid any serious consequences. The matter, however, should form a warning of the absurdity of putting off making a move till the last moment, and it is to be hoped that, with respect to the Harbour Master's office, which is notoriously in a very shaky condition, a more sensible plan will be adopted.

It is very generally understood that the diplomatic action which has been taken by the British Minister at Pekin, with regard to the revision of the Treaty, is not endorsed by the French Minister, especially in the clause which has reference to an increase in the duties upon Silk. This fact is perhaps the most satisfactory which [illegible] notice in refer[illegible] and muddling that has [illegible] for the last eighteen mon[illegible] we may at least be taken as certain that there will be some delay as to the ratification of the present convention; and, if there be sufficient time allowed for the discussion of its merits, it may also be taken as beyond doubt that before it becomes ratified, it will be subjected to considerable modifications. There has been a certain amount of hurry connected with the matter which has not at all tended to increase the confidence of the public with regard to it. At first, it was given out in official despatches that there would be no alteration made in the relations with China until the Emperor came of age; and this had the effect of lulling the public into the belief that there was plenty of time to consider what further representations it would be advisable to make upon the subject. While they were in this frame of mind, they were suddenly startled by rumours, at first discredited, but afterwards found to be correct, that the revision of the Treaty had been completed. This statement, however, turned out, though true in the main, to be an exaggeration, inasmuch as it was only a Convention, and not a Treaty that had been agreed to. The same kind of indefiniteness which had attached to the question whether anything had been done, was then found in connection with the question of what had been done; and it was only after Sir Rutherford Alcock had left Shanghai, and very shortly before he arrived here, that the text of the Convention became known. Previous to his departure it was impossible to give the subject the consideration that it deserved; and, though there was a wide-spread feeling of dissatisfaction at the general nature of its provisions, the public were necessarily unable to express as clearly as they wished, the views which they entertained, or to lay before His Excellency, as distinctly as was desirable, the points upon which they conceived that the Treaty required amendment.

Under these circumstances, it is very satisfactory that there is something which will render it absolutely necessary for the Home Government to pause before giving their final adherence to the Convention, which, as it stands at present, is lamentably defective. The Chambers of Commerce at home are at last becoming alive to the importance of urging upon the Government not to neglect the large trading interests which exist in China; and there is, therefore, every reason to hope that if the Chambers of Commerce in Hongkong and Shanghai, await themselves energetically of the opportunity now afforded them, of bringing their views before the public and the Government at home, they will be in time to prevent the fatal mistake of ratifying a convention, which is defective, and whose only result seems likely to be to lead to increased difficulties and complications with respect to the relations between foreign governments in regard to the China question, without furthering the cause of commercial progress in any noticeable degree.

The Amateurs of H.M.S. *Adventure* announce a performance at the City Hall for this evening, which, judging from the programme and the reputation of this Amateur corps, will no doubt be of an attractive nature, and is hoped will be well attended.

The adjourned Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court were formally opened yesterday morning, and immediately again adjourned until Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock. The Chief Justice stated that he had been warned that the building was in a dangerous condition, and under these circumstances, he could not sit and hear any lengthened argument. He did not know to what place the adjournment should be made, but no doubt by Saturday something further would be known as to what arrangements were to be made. An official intimation had been received that the building was unsafe, and was not to be entered oftener than could be helped.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

January 12th.

BEFORE C. MAY, ESQ.

DRUNK.

James Johnson, engineer unemployed, was brought up, charged with being found drunk with a bag containing $209 in his possession. He was fined $1, and expressed himself very grateful for having been taken charge of.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

Mahomed Cassim, Indian soldier in the 29th Regiment, accused Chung-a-cheong, Chung-a-shoa, and Chun-a-shun with an attempt to attack him. He stated that about 11.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning he went to the market at Stanley and made some purchases, when the first defendant, who was previously unknown to him, asked him whether he was coming to Victoria; and, on his telling him he was, said he was coming also, and wished to accompany him. He returned to the barracks, and having got his things, started with another soldier for Victoria. About half an hour after first departure, the complainant observed second and third defendants hobbling in a stream; and the first defendant whistled to them, as if to make a signal to them, and after a little second and third defendants followed, when the first defendant stepped and picked up a stone; complainant suspecting him meant him, and afterwards arrested the second and third defendants.

The defence was a regular game of throw and catch, each defendant declaring that he feared the others were bad men. They were ordered to find security in $25 each, to answer a day charge within a month.

POLICE MAGISTRATE.

Tang-a-yow and Ng-a-cheong, Chinese constables, who had been up several times on remand in connection with a charge of oppressing street hawkers with a view to squeezing them, were convicted of misconduct as constables, and fined $100, or three months' imprisonment.

ROBBERY.

Wong-a-sin, of Kin-shin, a seaman, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour, for stealing a bundle containing a jacket and other clothes.

The usual catalogue of fights, drunks, &c., completed the list.

DESERTION FROM A TRAINING SHIP.—The *Dundee Advertiser* says:—While the officers and men in charge were at dinner, 10 of the boys on board the *Mars* training ship got into a boat and put off to the shore. The tide was running in swiftly and a strong wind blowing, but the deserters succeeded in landing, and were out of sight before the officers who had put off after them had reached the land. In the evening eight of the runaways were caught, but two had not been seen when darkness put an end to the search."

SUICIDE.—Recently the body of a man, aged 25, was found on Putney heath. He had a bullet wound in the head, and grasped a pistol in one of his hands, and his death had evidently resulted from suicide. He had been dead some six hours. In his pockets were found about £10 in gold, a latch key, and a pass for the South Kensington Museum, made out in the name of J. J. Shepherd Welland. A box of cartridges was by his side. It transpired at the inquest that he was a literary man, named Welland. He was naturally of a retired and morbid disposition. Thomas Plant, of Trafalgar-square, Chelsea, said deceased had lodged in his house for upwards of four years. He was a man of most abstemious habits. He owed witness £20 at the time of leaving, but he did not trouble him about the money, as he knew he was a gentleman and would pay it when he could. The usual verdict was returned.

THE CHINESE CONSUL FOR HONGKONG

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—I cannot help thinking that you overestimate the importance of the appointment of a Chinese Consul to this Colony, and do not make sufficient allowance for certain circumstances that will in practice detract very considerably from the weight of the functions you mention. You appear to overlook that there is nothing to prevent a vast amount of the spying and the restrictions on the trade, of which you speak, taking place whether there is an officially recognised Chinese Consul here or not. It is well known that, notwithstanding all the promises that have been taken, an understanded system of taxation upon the trade of this place is actually going on by means of the Guilds, and it is perhaps more difficult under present circumstances to put a stop to the evil than would be the case were there an official who would be recognised by the Chinese as the only person who could resort to such measures, and whom acts consequently would be certain to be narrowly scrutinised and reported upon. As observed by Sir Rutherford Alcock, there must surely be sufficient power in the Governor of Hongkong to put down any attempts on the part of a Chinese Consul to interfere with the administration of the Colony; and if this be the case, so far from the very serious injury which you predict being likely to accrue, I am disposed to believe that the presence of such an official as is spoken of would, if properly turned to account, prove of service to the place in a variety of ways. It seems to me that it would be far better if there were a person in the Colony who could afford something like reliable information upon what goes on among the Chinese, in place of the very defective knowledge of such matters, which, in consequence of the absence of efficient interpreters, is all that is at present available; and it is not by any means improbable that by admitting the Chinese to appoint a Consul, we might succeed in inducing them to place the local taxation upon goods on a footing with the Treaty ports, and render them inclined to give the Idea which they now, as you justly observe, evidently entertain of your taxing them, by such higher duties, making the trading facilities of Hongkong so far inferior to those at the ports, that by degrees the business of the Colony must become crushed out.

Your obedient servant,

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1870.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

BALANCE SHEET.

ASSETS.

December 31st, 1869.	
Amount cost of str. *Ah Ku*	$170,000.00
Amount cost of str. *Fire Dart*	100,000.00
Amount cost of str. *Wah Shan*	100,000.00
Amount cost of str. *Kiu Kiang*	180,000.00
Amount cost of str. *Fei Ngay*	128,000.00
	$888,000.00
Amount cost of Wharves	29,890.00
Do. balance of furniture to Lodge to purchasers of stores	423.36
Do. balance of Insurance account	2,859.25
Do. balance of account with Macao agents	195.71
Do. value of stores on land	9,207.04
Do. value of Coal on hand	10,886.00
Do. deposited with Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	25,000.00
Do. earnings to be collected	2,306.21
Do. cash on hand	31,637.02
	$914,948.59

LIABILITIES.

December 31st, 1869.	
Amount of paid-up capital = 8 calls on 7,500 shares	$562,500.00
Do. at credit Depreciation account	$165,000.00
Do. Reserve Fund from Profit and Loss account this half year	35,000.00
	200,000.00
Do. Dividends unclaimed	732.00
Do. at credit Profit and Loss Account, viz:—	
Remuneration to Directors	2,500.00
Dividend at 8 per cent. on $562,500	45,000.00
Balance to be carried to new account	4,216.59
	$814,948.59

EARNING AND EXPENSES OF STEAMERS.

December 31st, 1869.	
To Running Expenses of steamers	$78,960.39
" Repairs on steamers	11,688.44
	$7,628.83
" Less Profit on Stores and Coal	5,944.05
	$1,684.77
" Subsidy to Quok Aseong for withdrawal of his steamers from the river	15,000.00
" Agency Commission on $209,839	1 per cent. 10,196.97
" Marine Insurance to date	3,679.90
" Fire Insurance to date	3,510.02
	9,189.92
" Salary of Marine Superintendent to date	3,000.00
" Balance carried to Profit and Account	84,868.78
	$203,939.49

December 31st, 1869.	
By Gross Earnings of steamers to date	$203,939.49
	$203,939.49

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

December 31st, 1869.	
To amount bad debts written off	$ 48.25
" do. Preliminary Expenses written off	2,378.54
" Balance viz:—	
Amount carried to Depreciation and Reserve Fund	$3,900.00
Do. remuneration to Directors	2,500.00
Do. Dividend at 8 per cent. on paid up Capital	45,000.00
Do. Balance to be carried to new account	4,216.59
	86,716.59
	$89,093.38
December 31st, 1869.	
By Balance brought forward from last account	$ 3,969.87
" Net Earnings of steamers	84,868.73
" Amount of old debts recovered	43.11
" do. Interest on current account with Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	230.84
Less interest paid	78.97
	150.87
	$89,038.38

DEPRECIATION AND RESERVE FUND.

December 31st, 1869.	
To Balance	$200,000.00
	$200,000.00
December 31st, 1869.	
By amount at credit Depreciation account transferred from Profit and Loss account this half-year	$165,000.00
	35,000.00
	$200,000.00

E. E.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.

Examined and found correct.
W. S. RIDDELL,
J. HART,
} *Auditors.*

Hongkong, 11th January, 1870.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Report of the Directors to be presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1870.

Although your Directors had the pleasure of calling you together scarcely five months since, they have deemed it right to summon you again on the affairs of the Company, partly owing to the convenience attaching to the period of the year, as being a favorable one for the presentation of the accounts, but principally owing to the approach of the time at which the present farming contract will expire, thus giving the Shareholders an opportunity of deciding whether it will be advisable to resume working the business of the Hotel Company on the original plan of a manager and servants of its own, or on the present plan of farming out the establishment in whole, or in part.

The Board are unanimously of opinion that the farming of the entire business, under proper guarantees and securities, is the best arrangement for the Company's interests, and they have therefore no hesitation in recommending to your favorable consideration a continuance of the system which has resulted much more satisfactorily than the former one.

The present Lessees have paid their monthly rental of $2,900 with punctuality, and as far as your Directors can judge are not dissatisfied with the result of their contract. In my case with the result of their contract. In my case there are, to their knowledge, others in the field ready and anxious to enter into competition for the hire of the entire premises furnished, and it may therefore be presumed that the Board will be able to renew the present contract, or to negotiate a new agreement, on favorable terms.

Every sum due by or to the Company, up to the end of last year, has been settled up, and the accounts, in this state, are herewith submitted to you, duly audited. They show a profit of $5,721.06 on the working of the five months to 31st December, 1869, which they propose, as before, with your consent, to transfer to Profit and Loss, old account, thus reducing this account from $19,770.97 to the sum of $14,049.91. This surplus, with the addition of $2,900, the Rent for July, which was outstanding on the 1st August last, has enabled the Board to reduce the loan of the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris from $20,000 to $19,000, at which it now stands.

The negotiations for the sale of Marine House, spoken of in the last report, did not result in a sale.

Your Directors, having considered that the position of the Company would be very much strengthened if they could dispose of that portion of your property at a fair price, submitted it to auction on the 1st December last, with a limit thereon. They regret, however, to say that no bid was elicited at which the Board could allow Marine House to be sold, with due regard to the extent of the premises, their central position, and their eligibility in every respect.

DIRECTORS.

According to Section 82 of the Articles of Association, two of the Directors retire, Messrs. E. R. Belilios and R. S. Walker, who being eligible, are recommended by the Board for re-election accordingly.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. Hodgson and Barton, the retiring Auditors, offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board of Directors.

ED. BAKER,
Secretary.

ASSETS.

Hotel; Furniture; Marine House	$318,242.87
Profit and loss, old account	19,770.97
Fire Insurance estimated at	320.00
Taxes to be recovered	132.00
Cash in hand and at Bankers	505.82
	$339,021.66

LIABILITIES.

4,000 Shares	$200,000.00
142 Shares not issued	14,200.00
	$185,800.00
Loan account, Interest paid to date	148,008.00
Profit and Loss account, 1869	5,721.66
	$339,521.66

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, FROM 1ST AUGUST TO 31ST DECEMBER.

	Dr.
To balance of outstanding accounts (written off)	$82.80
To Interest	7,519.72
To Fire Insurance	390.00
To Charges	130.33
To Auditors' fees	50.00
To Wages	280.00
To Taxes	325.74
To Balance	5,721.06
	$14,500.00
	Cr.
By Rent	$14,500.00
By Transfer Fees	6.00
	$14,506.00

Audited and found correct.
J. G. HODSON,
Z. BARTON,
} *Auditors.*

ED. BAKER,
Secretary.

IRISH SEDITION.

The *Daily News* says it is melancholy to think that language such as that of Father Lynch about "tumbling landlords" should be used and allowed in a constitutional occasion, in the United Kingdom. The Sheffield outrages were as wicked and dastardly as those of Pigott and the Fenians. Mr. Bruckland, whose delicacy was not too sensitive, did not venture openly to recommend the "tumbling" of masters or nonunionist workmen by means of revolvers. Mr. Ryan is beyond the reach of apology; but the fact that in a crowded meeting such language was allowed to be uttered without a hiss or a cry of "bravo," instead of with a storm of execration, is too momentous for rhetorical denunciation.

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH THE HOUSE OF LORDS?

The *Spectator* answers this question by proposing to convert the House of Lords into an assembly of "notables" on the life-peerage principle. Mr. Lowe pointed out last year that in granting household suffrage we had, in effect, granted the principle of equality, and that the whole tendency of our future changes must be to introduce this principle of equality more and more into all our political institutions. This is true, and the greatly fears that the result will be admitting that the only final reform of the House of Lords will consist in either to do away with it, or substituting something entirely different and entirely free from the attribute of social aristocracy which is the most distinctive trait of the peerage. Every attempt to harmonise the Peers with the Commons must bring out the radical assumption at the bottom of the House of Lords that family and rank are to count as power in our political system; and that is an assumption which we have already so completely abandoned as regards the great changes made in the choice of our chief legislative assembly, that it cannot hold its ground very much longer, even for the second chamber. Yet, whenever it goes, we do not see how any political assembly of which either family descent or title is a condition can possibly survive in its place. The *Saturday Review* points out that the most serious objection to abundant creation of peers is founded on the corresponding depletion of the highest class of commoners. Almost every new peer is removed from a position of comparative power to a place where he will act at a mechanical disadvantage. Mr. Gladstone's peers take with them into the House of Lords some scores of thousands of annual income which will be no longer legitimately applicable to the return of members like themselves to the House of Commons. Mr. Talbot and Mr. Roberts will be creditable members of the House of Lords, but as commoners and county magnates they would have been better able to counteract the operations of demagogues and agitators. Within two years Lord Cranborne and Lord Stanley have been removed from the House of Commons to a sphere of dignified helplessness. It is true that none of the new peers share clearly political influence, but they all belong naturally to the party of order, though not to the following of Mr. Disraeli.

Another large reduction in the number of workmen employed in the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, is expected to be made before long. The instructions having been received from the War-office for a return to be prepared, showing the smallest possible number of men required to be retained in the various departments, with the idea of merely keeping the establishment open and in perfect working order.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

When Lord and Lady Lansdowne arrived at Bowood on their wedding-day, they were received with great demonstrations of delight. The enthusiasm, however, nearly left to an end. Immediately over the entrance an immense device had been erected, surmounted by a coronet, having on each side of it the letters "H. M." (the initials of the bride and bridegroom (Henry and Maude); but no glimmer of light had appeared near it, save a few Bengal lights, by which the flags were just discernible, until, as we have said, the cavalcade was close to the portals, when all at once the whole pile burst into a simultaneous blaze, disclosing thousands of rockets and shells of every hue, whilst in the midst shone forth in brilliant characters the words, "Health and Long Life to Lord and Lady Lansdowne." The surprise, as we have said, was magnificent, but the immediate effect of it was somewhat alarming. It was so entirely unexpected, that the horses of the advanced guard of cavalry became altogether unmanageable, turning sharply round, throwing their riders in two or three instances, and then bolting into the midst of the crowd, which ran in all directions to escape being trodden under foot. As to the open carriage in which the Marquis and Marchioness were seated, an apoplexy seemed imminent, for the coachhorses which were harnessed to it plunged and reared frightfully, one of the leaders falling backwards, and creating such a melee that the carriage was turned entirely across the road. This contretemps had of course the effect of delaying the progress of the procession, and for the moment there was an appearance of anxiety depicted upon the faces of the Marquis and Marchioness. It was, however, but momentary; the whole was speedily rectified. The four horses, which were found to have broken their harness, were taken off, and, amidst the deafening cheers of hundreds of voices, the cavalcade passed through crowds of people, who had assembled to witness the enthusiasm, and to join in the festivities of returning the salutations with which they were greeted in the happiest manner.—*Court Journal.*

A SKELETON SENSATION.

(From the N. Y. Herald, October 28th.)

Bergen County, New Jersey, has a real live sensation, and the people who live there seem bent on making the most of it. It is a sensation based on a probable murder. On Monday last a human skeleton was discovered in a lot in Chester, N. J. This, however, was only the beginning of the sensation, for the finding of this skeleton was only the first of a series of discoveries in which it is believed lies hidden the mystery of a terrible tragedy committed forty years ago. On Tuesday afternoon three more skeletons were discovered. They were found buried about two feet below the surface of the earth in a lot where laborers were engaged in digging a cellar for a parsonage to be erected by the Rev. Mr. Van Buskirk. The news soon spread throughout the town, and hundreds of persons gathered around the spot where the workmen were digging. The workmen present had lived for a long time on the neighborhood sixty years, and they were positive that the spot had never been used as a burying ground, unless it had been put to that use secretly to cover the evidence of crime. There were no coffins or shrouds found near the bones, and the shallow thickness of earth with which they were covered furnished additional proof that they had been hastily buried and secretly interred. During the night the work of searching the ground continued, a large detachment of villagers remained to assist the laborers. At about one o'clock yesterday morning another skeleton was brought forth at a distance of fifteen or twenty feet from where the others were found. The remains were examined yesterday, and were said to be those of negroes. There appears to be no reliable evidence as to the murder, but the excitement has been greatly increased by the report circulated, upon the statement of one of the oldest inhabitants of the town, that a family of four negroes, three men and a woman, disappeared suddenly and mysteriously forty years ago. The remains correspond with the description of the parties who are said to have disappeared, and it is possible that further evidence will be adduced at the Coroner's investigation which is to be held, that will throw more light upon the subject.

DR. LIVINGSTONE'S EXPLORATIONS.

The first meeting for the present season took place on the 3rd November, at the Royal Institution, when Roderick Murchison was in the chair, and he had a crowded assembly before him. In his address, Sir Roderick Murchison expressed his belief that Dr. Livingstone would soon be among them with details of his adventure in a country hitherto unbroken by a white man. The distinguished traveller would enlighten us respecting the configuration of Lake Tanganyika, and also as to the main watershed to the south of it. Whether the chain of lakes which he had discovered, after unofficial feeding or flanking Lake Nyanza, constituted one of the great sources of the Nile, could only be a conjecture, so long as no traveller had observed the connexion between the northern end of Tanganyika and Lake Albert Nyanza and been received at Cairo. Which is very far distant from the southern lake of Livingstone. This point would be determined by the great traveller, who appears to have boated down Lake Lijji, and received supplies and despatches so long waiting for him. The Secretary then read an extract from a letter addressed by Livingstone to Dr. Kirk, Consul at Zanzibar, dated Feb. 8, 1866, in which he says, "I have found what I believe to be the sources of the Nile between 10 and 12 degrees south, or nearly in the position assigned to them by Ptolemy. It is not one source from a lake, but upwards of twenty of them." In a second letter addressed to the Earl of Clarendon, from near Lake Bangweolo, South Central Africa, July, 1868, Livingstone says, "Since his last letter, I add, "Aware that others have been mistaken, and laying no claim to infallibility, I do not yet speak very positively, particularly of the west and north-west branches of Tanganyika, because these have not yet come under my observation." Livingstone then proceeds to show that the springs of the Nile have hitherto been searched for in very inaccessible places, and, in fact, he thinks, some 400 miles south of the southerly portion of the Victoria Nyanza, and, indeed, south of all the lakes except Bangweolo. After giving a detailed account of his adventures and sufferings, he adds, "Always in something new from Africa; a large tribe lives in underground houses in Run. Some excavations are said to be half a mile long, and have tiums are said to be half a mile long, and have running within them—a whole district can be made a refuge in them; the 'writings' therein I have been told by some of the people are on wings of animals, and not letters. Other things should have gone to see them. They are said to be very dirty, well-made." Sir Roderick Murchison then announced the following letter, which is a good resume of Livingstone's more full detailed accounts:—"*Zanzibar, September 7, 1869.* Sir,—The chief point of geographical interest in the present letter of Dr. Livingstone, is the statement that the sources of the Nile are to be found in the lakes and rivers than drain the great valley in which Cazembe is situated, and lying to the south of Tanganyika, between 10 and 12 degrees of south latitude. The town of Cazembe, from which Dr. Livingstone's previous letters (December, 1867) were dated, has been already visited, and described by the Portuguese missions. It is situated on the shores of one of a chain of lakes that flow northwards. The Chambeze, having collected many streams, crosses the valley of the northern slope of the damp, elevated plains, flows to join Lake Bangweolo. This again is connected with Lake Moero by the Luapula, on whose banks is the town of Cazembe is built. Moero is in its turn drained by the Lualaba into another lake, named Ulenge, and here exploration ends. Natives have told Dr. Livingstone that Ulenge is an island-studded lake from whose waters join the Lufira, a large river coming from the western side of the same great plain, whose eastern slope is drained by the Chambeze. This united stream some say enters the Tanganyika, and others by the Lualaba into Lake Chowambe; but Dr. Livingstone's informants are not unanimous, and some assert that the Lufira passes to the west of Tanganyika, and so to the Lake Chowambe, which Dr. Livingstone thinks is the same as the Albert Nyanza of Sir S. Baker. In fact, the interest of the journey centres in the southern connections of the Albert Nyanza; and Arab traders generally agree in thinking that a water communication does exist between that and the Tanganyika; but I have not met

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This point determined by the great traveller, ean to have touched at Ujiji, and ppliies and despatches so long waiting The Secretary then read an extract letter addressed by Livingstone to Dr. ssul, at Zanzibar, dated July 8th 1868, at Bangweolo, in which writes Living- I may say I have found what I believe sources of the Nile between 10 and 12 south, or nearly in the position assigned Livingstone. It is not one source from ut upwards of twenty of them." In a letter addressed to the Earl of Clarendon new Lake Bangweolo, South Central July, 1868, Livingstone repeats his but he adds, "Aware that others have stakes, and laying no claim to infeli- I do not yet speak very positively anganyika, because these have not yet under my observation." Livingstone then s to show that the springs of the Nile thereto been searched for very much too the north. They rise, he thinks, some 400 but of the southerly portion of the Victoria s, and, indeed, south of all the lakes except ulo. After giving a detailed account of countries, Livingstone adds, "Always ing new from Africa; a large tribe lives erground houses in Rua. Some excava re said to be thirty miles long, and have ge rills in them; a whole district can s a virgin, then the writings therein been told by some of the people are so of animals, and not letters. Of course I have gone to see them. They are said very dark, well-made." "Sir Roderick pison then announced the following letter, is a good reading of Livingstone's more fallest accounts:—"Zanzibar, September Sir,—The chief point of geographical st in the present letter of Dr. Livingstone, statement that the sources of the Nile are found in the lakes and rivers that drain west valley in which Cazembe is situated, ying to the south of Tanganyika, between d 12 degrees of south latitude. The town Cazembe, from which Dr. Livingstone's letters (December, 1867) were dated, been already visited, and described by the nguese missions. It is situated on the es of one of a chain of lakes that flow wards. The Chambeze having collected many streams the waters of the northern e of the damp, elevated plains, flows to join e Bangweolo. This again is connected with e Moero by the Loapula, on whose banks town of Cazembe is built. Moero is in its drained by the Lualaba into another lake, ed Ulenge, and here exploration ends. yes have told Dr. Livingstone that Ulenge o island-studded lake from whose waters the Lufira, a large river coming from the ern side of the same great plain, whose ern slope is drained by the Chambeze. united stream some way enters the Tan- yika, and thence by the Lualaba into Lake ovambo, but Dr. Livingstone's informants not unanimous, and some assert that the ters proceed to the west of Tanganyika, and to the Lake Chowambo, which Dr. Living- ne thinks is the same as the Albert Nyanza er S. Baker. In fact, the northern ver centres in the southern connections the Albert Nyanza; and Arab traders erally agree in thinking that a water com- nication does exist between that and the anganyika; but I have not met with any one who professes to have traced out this com- nication. From Arabs who visit Cazembe, learn that the lakes now described by Dr. Livingstone are of considerable size—probably m five to ten days' march in length, and. e Nyassa, Tanganyika, and the Albert yanza, overhang by high mountain slopes, ich open out if I have not mistaken, on to eat plains, which during the rainy season become flooded, so that caravans march for days through water knee-deep, seeking for higher ground on which to pass the night. The country abounds with large game and domestic cattle, while the climate is spoken of as not unhealthy, and is certainly a contrast of ss not unhealthy, and is certainly a contrast to the Zanzibar coast, if we may judge from the tanned, healthy traders who return. (Signed), John Kirk. To C. Gonne, Secretary to the Government, Bombay." Captain S. Osborne, R.N., thought Dr. Livingstone and Sir S. Baker would meet, and said it would be a great day when they did. Sir R. Murchison said that when the great problem was solved, Dr. Livingstone on his return would experience such a reception as had been seldom seen. He announced that Mr. Chaudless was prosecuting his enquiries to the sources of the Amazon River and its affluents. In the course of discussion, it was said that the Arab traders who brought Livingstone's letters to Zanzibar excited the envy and admiration of the sallow European residents of the coast, by their ruddy and robust appearance. They mentioned that the Doctor had been in delicate health, but at the time of their departure he had recovered his stamina, and was full of hope.

THE SUEZ CANAL

From "the Tomahawk."

Ismailia, November 21th, 1869.—You see from where I date. I have positively got here at last together with Bonham and Spagnora. We were joined by a French Count at Alexandria, who said he would get us all introduced to the Khedive, and in the most friendly way borrowed a five-pound note of Bonham, but he left us at some some place beginning with K to return to his mother who was dying. I am sorry to say that in the sudden grief and hurry of his departure, he forgot to return the my telescope, razor, a three-in, pot of Liebig's Extract, and my cheque-book, which I had lent him for the purpose of conducting an argument to demonstrate the power of the air refracted rays at noon—5 p.m.: Have been trying to order dinner with Spagnora in French; but the waiter, who is a Nubian, doesn't understand my accent. Spagnora says of course he only understands Egyptian, and that as we cannot speak the language, we must write down what we want in hieroglyphics. He says the sort of things that are on the walls of the Egyptian Court at the Crystal Palace will do capitally, and that he will show me the proper hieroglyphic if I will give him a pen, ink, and paper, and ring for the waiter.—5.15 p.m.—Spagnora has drawn a picture of Rameses the Second, walking fast and holding up a large bun sideways on a fan. He has shown this to the waiter, and pointed to my mouth several times, making me open and shut it rapidly, as if in the act of mastication. We have tried this for a quarter of an hour, but without any result. He says the bun ought to have been olive, and that the ancient Egyptians never had their hieroglyphics plain, but always coloured. The waiter, after mumbling something in a sullen voice, has gone out to fetch the *matre d'hotel*, who, I am thankful to say, is a Frenchman.

CHARGE OF LIBELLING SIR JOSEPH HAWLEY.

At Bow-street Police-court, on Nov. 22nd, Mr. Frederick Farrah, publisher, and Dr. Joseph Henry Shorthouse, the editor and proprietor of the *Sporting Times*, appeared to a summons before Sir Thomas Henry, (who sat specially for the case) to answer a charge of libelling in that paper Sir Joseph Hawley. Mr. George Lewis, jun., appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. Straight, the barrister, for Dr. Shorthouse. In opening the case Mr. Lewis put in the article in question. The prosecutor is alluded to as Sir Joseph Scratchawley, who is accused of having "milked" his horses, which is a sporting term used when a person backs against a horse not up to race, and then has it scratched. Sir Joseph Hawley, Bart.—I reside at 34, Eaton-place. I was present at the office of the *Sporting Times*, on 22d, Strand, on Monday last, when the copy produced of that paper was purchased. The defendant Farrah was in the shop. I have read the article headed "Sir Joseph Scratchawley." There is no such name as "Jockey" member of the Club. I am the owner of the number of racehorses referred to. I had the horses Lionel, Sidewalk, and Blue Gown. The race was run on Friday, and two of the horses were scratched on the Monday before the race. Neither I, nor any person commissioned, had made any bets against those horses (Blue Gown and Sidewalk.) By Mr. Straight: Mr. Lewis was with me when I bought the paper. I saw Mr. Farrah. I think it was after he told me that I was Sir Joseph Hawley that the paper was bought. I received a letter (produced) from Dr. Shorthouse on Wednesday, when I arrived home, at eleven o'clock. I believe it is a long apology. The letter was then put in, and contained an apology for the article in the *Sporting Times* from Dr. Shorthouse, who alleges that he was entirely ignorant of the publication of the article. The Duke of Beaufort examined: I have read the article produced. I have no doubt that it refers to Sir Joseph Hawley. I perfectly understand the term "milking a horse." I have seen the article entitled "Sir Joseph Scratchawley." In my judgment I believe it refers to Sir Joseph Hawley. Thos. Holt for the Stamp Department, Somerset-house, produced the documents, proving that Dr. Shorthouse was the proprietor, and Mr. Farrah the publisher, of the *Sporting Times*. After a short argument between Sir Thomas Henry and Mr. Straight, the learned magistrate decided to commit the defendants for trial. The witnesses were then called, and the defendants liberated on bail, Dr. Shorthouse in two securities in £200 each and his own recognizance in £200, and Mr. Farrah, two sureties in £20 each, and his own in £100. The Duke of Beaufort, Lord Westmoreland, Lord Lonsdale, General Peel, Sir Charles Legard, and many other occupied seats on the bench.

A shocking case of brutality came before the Westminster police magistrate on 22nd. Nov. A man named Howell, a bricklayer, was charged with assaulting his wife and children. According to the woman's statement, Howell is in the habit of coming home drunk and beating his wife and children. He had left them with no money or food, and would not let his wife take any work in; he made use of the most filthy language to his children, and had made his little boy a cripple for life. On Saturday he came home, struck the boy in the mouth and made it bleed, kicked him, and then pulled him by the hair; the wife interfered, and he gave her a black eye, and cut her mouth open. Mr. Selfe said he regretted that he had not the power to administer the cat to such a ruffian, who was just the object that required it. He sentenced him to six months' hard labour for the assault on the wife, and two months' for the assault on the boy, and after the expiration of these sentences, ordered him to find bail in £20 to keep the peace for six months.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

There has been no change in the drug market. The following are the ruling prices:—Patna, $530 to $532½; Benares, $520 to $522½; Malwa, $565, in small native demand: Patna, old, 1st sales, $547½ to $550, little doing; Patna, new, 1st sales, $555 to $557½; Benares, new, 1st sales, $520 to $522, nominal.

In Raw Cotton, a sale of about 80 bales has been reported at $21 per picul. Saltpetre, a small parcel has changed hands at $5.75 a picul. A lot of 200 bags of superior quality is held for $6.75 per picul, and another parcel for $6.25 per picul, the highest offers yet made are $6 and $6.25 a picul respectively.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—

Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight,	4/3½
Credits, at 6 months' sight.....	4/3½
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight.....	4/3½
Bank Bills on demand,.....	4/3½

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, 3 days' sight,.....	74
Private, 30 days' sight,.....	74½

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 223

" BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 223

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old...	30½ to 31 prem.
" New...	20 prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock,.....	8 dis.
H'kong O'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares,.....	30 to 32 prem.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares,.....	$1,000 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares,.....	$175 pr. per s.
Union Dock Shares,.....	45 dis.
Hongkong Hotel Shares,.....	50 to 50

SALES ON 12TH JANUARY, 1869.

As reported by Chinese.

White Wax, 1 piece, at $223.00, by Kwong-fook-wo by retail.

Yellow Wax, 12 piculs, at $53.50, by Yuen-on-tai to Canton merchant.

Tin, 180 slabs, at $30.05, by Yuen-on-tai to travelling merchant.

Tin, 50 piculs, at $30.07, by Yuen-on-tai to travelling merchant.

Mushrooms, 4 cases, at $44.90, by Yuen-on-tai to Hongkong merchant.

Dried Lily Flowers, 20 bags, at $7.60, by Fook-wine-loong to travelling merchant.

White Nuts, 20 bags, at $3.45, by Fook-wing-loong to travelling merchant.

Wheat Flour, 50lbs., 500 pieces, at $1.18, by Yock-wing-loong to Hongkong merchant.

Bombay Cotton, 58 bales, at $20.25, by Parsee merchant to Kiu-king-cheong.

Bombay Cotton, 5 bales, at $20.25, by Parsee merchant to Kin-hing-cheong.

Dried Lily Flowers, 30 bags, at $3.40, by Kin-poong to Kongmoon merchant.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. DANA retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 68 China, 1st January, 1870.

MR. EDWIN H. SPRING will take charge of our business during our absence and is authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.

BAYLE & Co.

1m 70 January 11th 1870

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. FREDERICK BOWER in our firm, ceased on the 31st December last, and Mr. THOMAS HARDINGE is authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this day.

BOWER, HANBURY & Co.

3d 72 Shanghai, 1st January, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. OSCAR BOOZE in our firm ceased on the 31st of December last.

Mr. RODOLPH BOURIAU has this day been admitted a partner in our firm, and Mr. GUSTAV WIELBE has been duly authorized to sign our name from this date.

BOURIAU, HUBENER & Co.

1m 5 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. JOÃO HENRIQUES DOS REMEDIOS is authorized to sign our Firm, per procuration, from this day.

J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.

2m 6 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. RUDOLPH JENSEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.

JOHN BURD & Co.

1m 12 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. W. H. COXEN, Mr. S. E. HANTINGTON, Mr. H. O. LOW, and Mr. J. G. HEIMANN, are admitted Partners in our Firm.

SMITH, ARCHER & Co.

2m 13 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM PRONST in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec. 1868, and Mr. OTTO CHRISTIAN BEHR and Mr. JOHANNES F. COEHES are admitted Partners therein from this date.

Mr. F. LROCKER and Mr. O. W. STROPHERD, have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.

W. PUSTAU & Co.

6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. CESAR ERDMANN, has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per Procuration, from this date.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

tf 15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. DHUNJEEBHOY MERWANJEE MEHTA is authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

M. D. GHANDY & Co.

1m 17 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. H. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869

MR. PAUL GERRARD HUBBS and Mr. ALBERT GELZIOW have been authorized to sign our firm here and in China from this date.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

3m 2063 Hongkong, 1st November, 1869.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.

L. PRICKEL & Co.

tf 2002 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. BENJAMIN E. GALL as a Partner in our firm.

FAWCETT & Co.

tf 243 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

MR. FRITZ RAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

tf 1165 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.

C. LANGDON DAVIES.

tf 1243 Honekong, 1st July, 1868.

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6m 1314 Hongkong, 25th October, 1869.

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3d 72 Hongkong, 11th January, 1870.

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W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 12th January, 1870. [tf 73

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 12th January, 1870. [tf 73

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamer

"HINDOSTAN,"

Capt. H. de Smidt, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th inst., at 3 P.M.

Despatches will close at 2.30 P.M.

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7d 73 Hongkong, 12th January, 1870.

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tf 64 Hongkong, 10th January, 1870.

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tf 2394 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

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tf 76 Hongkong, 12th January, 1870.

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tf 67 Hongkong, 11th January, 1870.

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tf 57 Hongkong, 10th January, 1870.

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tf 2451 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

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tf 1964 Hongkong, 18th October, 1869.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

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72 25 Hongkong, 4th January, 1870.

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tf 2429 Hongkong, 27th December, 1869.

NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY DAVIS MARGESSON, DECEASED.

LETTERS of Administration, with the will annexed, of the Estate of HENRY DAVIS MARGESSON, late of Hongkong and Macao, Merchant, deceased, having been granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, to the Undersigned, as Attorneys for the Executors, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts to the undersigned without delay, and all persons having claims against the said Estate are required to send in particulars thereof, with vouchers, to the undersigned (addressed to the care of T. G. LINSTEAD) on or before the Thirtieth day of June next, after which date no claims will be admitted.

Dated the Third day of December, A.D., 1869.

W. KESWICK,
T. G. LINSTEAD,
Administrators.

tf 2292

NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS LAPRAIK, DECEASED.

PROBATE of the last Will and Testament of DOUGLAS LAPRAIK, formerly of Hongkong, and lately of Acton, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, one of the Executors in the said Will named, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts forthwith, and those having claims against the Estate are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned, at the Office of Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., or to HENRY C. CALDWELL, Esq., Solicitor, on or before the 31st day of January, 1870, after which date no claims will be received or admitted.

Dated Hongkong, 9th day of July, 1869.

R. E. BAKER,
Executor.

tf 1942

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NASBY IN NEW YORK AGAIN—HE IS STARTED IN BUSINESS BY THE DEMOCRATIC MANAGERS AND HAS A GOOD THING IN HIS HANDS, BUT WHISKEY BLIGHTS HIS PROSPECTS, AS IT HAS MANY THINGS BEFORE.

NOO YORK, November 9th, 1869.

Retrospect may be profitable, but when you cast your piercin eye back and onto a time when you made a cussid ass uv yourself, they are far from bein pleasant. I am doin that thing at this present in mpnk. Wunst agin a I rechin hez been within my grasp, and wunst agin her I permitted it to slip from me! Ipod! Fool! Locksim! I arrived in this city two days before the recent election; feelin that where rotes were in such a demand there might be suthin to be made for me. By inquiry I found where the headquarters uv the Democratic General Committee for the city was located; and at about 10 A.M., which means in the morning, I went there, intendin to offer myself as a man uv all work for the two days succeedin. I found there a vast crowd uv men; who were all of um like me in some respects, varyin uv course in many pints, but all uv the same species. The Chairman uv the Committee was distributin funds to em to be spent, and they was a walkin up to get instructions in a sort of a procession. Noticin that the bizniz was bein done lusely, I dropped into the procession, and shoor enuff the man distributin handed me a package, sayin, "Terence, be shoor you get em all up from the ship—Barney McSharp will give you the papers for em, and tell yez wut names to vote em under!"

He had mistook me for Terence somebody. Should I undeceive him? Never! So kappin the package into my pocket I answered, assumin the Irish brogue:

"Arrah, musha, be jabbers my jewel, I'm the boy."

Fortunitly I wuz crowded out before I had time to kir much more trish. I wish's a nice ness as a tokin Irishman. At the foot uv the stairs I opened my package. It was greenback. "This money," I sed to myself, "was given to me to further the cos uv Democrisy; for that purpose I'll use it. I'll start a grocery." And forthwith that day I leased a room in a Democratic locality, purchased a counter, a barl uv whisky, a dozen tumblers, a lithograph porrtrait uv General Jackson and Governor Hoffman, and was all ready for bizness the mornin uv election.

There was a rush the moment I took the shutters down, and I took in money faster than I ever had before in my life.

"At last," sed I to myself, exultitly, "at last I hev found my apoer. Nowby, poor in luck—look, I'll drink to my luck."

And I took a nip. Nearly wut it down before a yard policeman came in with three or four voters, which he wuz takin care uv. They drunk, the leader of the party askin me to join em, which I did. Ez they went out, I conclud avoid drinkin to the success uv the ticket, then to the contoosion uv Horrys Greeley, then to the memory of James Buchannon, then to the memory of Franklin Pierce, then to hell, Darts and by this time I found myself outside of the bar, into the middle uv the room, in a confoosed state of mind and body. In short I wuz very drunk—Noo York whisky aint like the Kentuck article.

At this critical moment a man entered hurriedly, and seein me leanin agin the wall, went behind the bar and helped himself. Seein him behind the bar, I forgot that I was the landlord myself. I knowed I wuz in a grocery—that bein where I mst most of the time—but my intoxication I forgot, that I was landlord, and the miserable wretch behind the bar, comprehendin the situoashy, let me go on in my deelooshun. Staggerin up to the bar I sed, "Set em up sunin," which he did, and I drank solemnly to the memory uv George H. Pendleton and the other dead Democrisy, on my own whisky, and then, like the locustin I wuz, I paid for it out uv my own pocket, and I kept payin for whisky for others as long ez I had a dollar! The man behind the bar then asked me to drink, which I did; then I asked a crowd uv fellows which come in to drink with me, telling the new barkeeper to charge it, wich he did the wood, infim unprovoked.

I needn't continjoo this confession. Suffice it to say that the next morning I awoke in that identical room chilled completely thru. There was no whisky in the barrel, not snuff for my morning's nip, and I hadn't a cent in my pocket, ez I had paid all that was paid uv the Committee's money and wut I had taken freely in the day for my own liver to the fellow who took advantage of my condishun to usurp my place.

I shall never succeed on that side uv the bar. I am not calculated to take care uv my own whisky.

It's astonishing how strong habit is! The moment I found I had credit I commenced improvin on it. "Set em up!" I shreeked, ez each new squad came in. "Set em up!" and the alacrity with which they drank was wonderful. The news got out that in such a place there was a lunatic treatin everybody who came in, and a perfect stream poured in.

I remember but very little mr wut occurred. I recollect distinctly my wife three or four times and uv returning each time to my place and breaking a crowd, tellin the barkeeper to charge it. I remember wunst finden her behind him, and askin confidentially to a man who was takin suthin with me, that this house wouldn't last long ef it continyood to give ee lit miscellaneously, forgetfin in my drunkenness that it was my whisky I was drinkin and givin to others to drink all the time!

I shel not, however, leave Noo York. We hev got the Legislature now, and I shel find suthin to do. We shel, of course, repeal the Metropolitan Police law, and all other laws wich take control out uv the hands of Democratic officials, and if amongst so much stealin ez there is going to be, there ain't suthin for me, it will be singlur. This is the thro Democratic paradise. We hev fat Abbishunts to tax, and the control is in our hands, and here I stay. To git an office I may hev to change my name to Michael, ez I did wunst before, but I shel do it. I am too old to wander up and down the earth, and here I attiks.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY, P.M.,
(Wich wuz Post Master.)

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Dental Surgeons.

DR. WINN begs to intimate that he has returned from the Coast Force, and can be consulted at his residence in *Arbuthnot Road*, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.
tf 2171 Hongkong, 10th November, 1869.

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tf 41 Hongkong, 7th January, 1870.

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J. THOMSON,
Commercial Bank Buildings.
2207 Hongkong, 22nd November, 1869.

GEORGE SLATER,
MERCHANT AND LLOYDS' AGENT,
CALLAO AND LIMA,
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MORRIS & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS,
NEWS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.
tf 847 Hongkong, 2nd October, 1869.

E. R. HANDLEY,
(LATE PATERSON & HANDLEY),
HOUSE & SHIP PLUMBER, COPPERSMITH,
ZINC WORKER, AND GAS FITTER.
16, *Queen's Road West.*
tf 1614 Hongkong, 6th May, 1869.

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Houses, Lands, Tenements,

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With immediate possession.
THE very desirable Business PREMISES situated in the *Wellington Street*, No. 8. Apply within, to
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Sir *Gresmont* Granite GODOWNS, below *Peddar's Hill*.
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THOSE Two HOUSES and OFFICES, Nos. 18 and 20, *Stanley Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. VOGEL, HAGENDOR & Co. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 2348 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

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THE very desirable Business PREMISES situated the corner of *D'Aguilar Street* and *Wellington Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. A. BOYER & Co. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
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THE commodious three storied HOUSE, No. 1, *Wyndham Street*, lately in the occupation of Messrs. BONNETT & Co. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
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[tf 2349
December 13th, 1869.

TO LET,
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THAT desirable BUNGALOW, known as "Greenmount" situate on the *Bonham Road*, and till lately in the occupation of C. H. MORGAN, Esq.
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GILMAN & Co.
tf 2138 Hongkong, 18th November, 1869.

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FIRST-CLASS Granite GODOWNS, at *Wanchai*, from 12 to 30,000 piculs capacity. Apply to
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The houses have recently been painted and put in thorough repair.
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tf 1588 Hongkong, 19th August, 1869.

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tf 1057 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

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NO. 4, Pedder Terrace, *Elgin Street*. Apply to
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IN various Parts of Hongkong. A list of HOUSES with size, locality and terms can be seen at No. 47, *Wyndham Street*.
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With Possession on the 1st May Next.
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This property can be divided into three portions—that in the Praya is detached, and contains extensive Godowns in the ground and middle floors, with private residence on the upper floor, and separate entrance thereto.
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TO BE LET.
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tf 2744 Hongkong, 16th December, 1869.

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THAT commodious family residence in *Bonham Road*, known as "Persepolis," containing 12 Rooms, besides basement story, Bath rooms, Coach House and Stable, Gas and Water laid on.
Also, Croquet ground, Flower and Vegetable garden. Apply to
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tf 697 Hongkong, 17th April, 1867.

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tf 1874 Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

To Let.

TO LET.
THE FLOOR of a HOUSE in *Queen's Road*, well situated.
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f 591 Hongkong, 24th March, 1868.

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(With immediate possession).
BUNGALOW at *Pokfulam*. Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
1838 Hongkong, 1st September, 1869.

Insurances.

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THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES against Fire on Buildings and Goods, at current rates.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 366 Hongkong, 7th February, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above INSURANCE COMPANY, are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the Current Rates.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 573 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1867.

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POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.
In addition to the usual brokerage, this Association returns to the assured *Twenty per cent. of its yearly profits*, divided *pro rata* to the net premium contributed.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries.
tf 1080 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks at current rates.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 1092 Hongkong, 1st April, 1869.

NOTICE.
QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding ..... 1 month 1 per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding ..... 2 " 1 do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding ..... 6 " 1 do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,
Agents the Queen Insurance Company.
tf 954 Hongkong, 22nd May, 1868.

NOTICE.
BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
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MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,
Agents.
tf 2113 Hongkong, 7th November, 1868.

NOTICE.
ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz:—

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents.	1	per cent.
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents	1	per cent.
Offices and Godowns and their contents.	1	per cent.

Other Risks by Special arrangement.
The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Policies:—

Not exceeding 10 days	4	per cent.
Not exceeding ..... 1 month	2	per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding ..... 3 "	3	do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding ..... 6 "	4	do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.		

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
tf 1743 Hongkong, 19th September, 1868.

HAMBURG BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days	¼	of the annual rate
Not exceeding 1 month	½	do. do.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months	¾	do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding six months	1	do. do.
Above six months the full annual rate.		

WM. PURSAT & Co., *Agents.*
tf 1667 Hongkong, 30th August, 1869.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz:—
Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents. } 1 per cent.
Other dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their contents. } 1 per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents. } 1 per cent
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company
tf 364 Hongkong, 7th March, 1868.

NOTICE.
IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days	¼	of the annual rate
Not exceeding 1 month	½	do. do.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding ..... 3 "	¾	do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding ..... 6 "	1	do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.		

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
tf 675 Hongkong, 13th August, 1866.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding ..... 1 month	¼	per cent. per annum
Above 1 month, and not exceeding ..... 3 "	½	
Above 3 months, and not exceeding ..... 6 "	1	
Above 6 months the full annual rate.		

GILMAN & Co., *Agents,*
North British & Mercantile Insurance Company
tf 686 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.
INCORPORATED 1859.
CAPITAL £1,000,000.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.
FOR insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbours or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing; Barges and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one First Class Risk.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

Insurances.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.
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